BIRCHES HEAD (1961-....)
{aka HANLEY ST MATTHEW}

In 1899 the mission district of **BIRCHES HEAD** had been formed to serve part of -----.

In 1961 the parish of **BIRCHES HEAD** was formed from a part of **HANLEY -----.**

(which had since DATE been a chapelry/conventional district/mission district).

Appears to have become a conventional district in 1944 (see 1947 Crockford)

Parish History

Description of Church (St Matthew)

A mission chapel, in Leonard Road (LATER Birches Head Road), was built of iron in DATE (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *ARCHITECT* and consecrated in 1899. It was pronounced beyond repair in 1930 and demolished in 1956.

A new church, in ....., was built in 1958-9 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *W.H. Homer of Jennings, Homer and Lynch of Brierley Hill* and consecrated in DATE.

Type of incumbent

	....-1644
Minister (of Presbytery) (Feb 1644-29 May 1660)	1644-1660
	1660-....
Perpetual Curate	....-1868
Vicar	1868-....

Patrons

Parish Registers

The original registers for the period 1901-1980 (Bapts) & 1945-1978. [No burial ground].

Bells

Special References

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►**Hubert John Moreton c1906-....** **1935-1941**
(at Dorchester Missionary College) 1924
(ordained deacon by Newcastle) 1930
(Stipendiary Curate, Wallsend St Peter, Northumbs) 1930-3
(ordained priest by Newcastle) 1931
(permission to officiate, Smethwick St Stephen, Staffs) 1933-4
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Birches Head, Staffs) 1935-1941
(Vicar, Hadley, Salop) 1941-7

1941-1943

►**Noah Reginald Bloomer 1908-....** **1943-1947**
b cNov 1908 Stourbridge RD
(at Mirfield Theological College) 1928
(at University of Leeds)
(B.A.) 1933
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1933
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall St Michael & All Saints, Staffs) 1933-6
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1934
(Stipendiary Curate, Tettenhall, Staffs) 1936-9
(Stipendiary Curate, Cheltenham All Saints, Glos) 1939-43
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Birches Head in Hanley-cum-Hope, Staffs) 1943-4
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Birches Head, Staffs) 1944-7
(Vicar, Rushall, Staffs) 1947-55
(in retirement of "Pendle", Old Cleeve, Minehead, Soms) 1977

1947-1949

►**Eric Leonard Dentith 1914-....** **1949-1954**
b 1914
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St John, Staffs) 1942-6
(Stipendiary Curate, Walsall Wood, Staffs) 1946-9
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Birches Head, Staffs) 1949-54
(Rector, Kingsley, Staffs) 1954-61
- [NOTE: 1954-6 CROCKFORD calls him Perpetual Curate of Kingsley]
(Vicar, Dudley St Augustine, Worcs) 1961-9
(Vicar, Ipstones, Staffs) 1969-80
(Priest, in charge, Onecote-and-Bradnop, Staffs) 1976-80
(retired) 1980
(in retirement of 34 East Bank Ride, Forsbrook, Staffs)

1954-1961

►**Bernard Malcolm Harris 1929-....** **1961-1966**
b 1929

(at University of Leeds)
(B.A.) 1954
(at Mirfield College of Resurrection) 1954
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1956
(Stipendiary Curate, Shrewsbury St Chad) 1956-60
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1957
(Stipendiary Curate, Porthill, Staffs) 1960-1
(Vicar, Birches Head, Staffs) 1961-6
(Vicar, West Bromwich St James, Staffs) 1966-78
(Vicar, Sedgley, Staffs) 1978-....

►**Malcom Geoffrey Bishop 1933-....** **1967-1972**
b 1933
(at University of Leeds)
(B.A.) 1959
(at Mirfield College of Resurrection) 1959
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1961
(Stipendiary Curate, Kingswinford St Mary, Staffs) 1961-7
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1962
(Vicar, Birches Head, Staffs) 1967-72
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Oakamoor-cum-Cotton, Staffs) 1972-8
(Team Vicar, Billingham St Aidan, Cleveland) 1978-